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Pol/Econ chief delivered reftel demarche April 18 on the Belarus resolution at the UN Commission on Human Rights in Geneva to MFA Director for International Organization Affairs Ghassan Shaikho. Shaikho said he appreciated the update on the issue, but noted that as of January 2005, Bahrain was no longer a member of the Commission. He promised to consider our points should the matter come before the UNGA in September.

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